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Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Awards \$32,000 to Local First Responders

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) announced today more than \$32 thousand in grant awards as part of its Homeland Security Foundation grant program. Grant funds will be used to equip emergency responders with protective equipment or for use in training to better serve the residents of Indiana.

Fiscal year 2008 Foundation awards include:

- **City of Jeffersonville: \$963.00**
Funding will be used for one mobile command post. The mobile command post is a highly portable work area that can be set up anywhere that has integrated wheel assembly and retractable handle for mobility. A command pak with tactical command post, green command post flag, tactical situation magnet marks and an incident command vest will also be included. The funding for this purchase will assist in making compliance to National Incident Management Systems much easier, flow better and interoperability easier among departments.
- **Clay County Sheriff: \$4,000.00**
The funding for this project will provide sheriff deputies a public safety speaker, microphones and leather cases for their portable radios and will equip their vehicles with chargers to keep the radios operational during extended events. All citizens in Clay County will benefit from the purchase of these items as it will enhance communication and safety among deputies.
- **Dubois County EMA: \$4,000.00**
Funding will be used to purchase two additional 800 MHz radios. These radios will provide the Dubois County Emergency Management Agency the ability to talk across disciplines, exchange voice data on demand when needed and as authorized.
- **White River Fire Department: \$4,000.00**
The funding for this project will purchase a Stanley Hydraulic Dewatering pump and concrete core drill. This equipment will provide the IDHS District 5 urban search and rescue strike team greater ability to locate and remove persons who have become trapped in heavy debris. These capabilities will not only be used in District 5, but in the entire State as needed.

- **Clay Twp. Volunteer Fire Department: \$3,877.90**
The Clay Township Volunteer Fire Department will use funding to purchase a positive pressure ventilation fan and a K-12 saw kit. These items are needed to remove smoke and other by-products of combustion. The saw will be used to help extricate trapped victims.
- **Seward Township Volunteer Fire Department: \$4,000.00**
Funding for this project will be used to purchase portable generator scene lighting and a portable smoke machine. These items are essential to ensure the safety of the firefighters. The grant will benefit the Seward Township Volunteer Fire Department as well as 12 other Fire Departments through mutual aid agreements.
- **Sidney-Jackson Twp. Volunteer Fire Department: \$4,000.00**
The funding for this project will be used to outfit a pickup truck for off-road wild land, field fires and search and rescue. All residents in the Sidney-Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department protection area, as well as mutual aid areas will benefit from the funding of this project.
- **Orland Community Volunteer Fire Department: \$4,000.00**
The Orland Community volunteer Fire Department will use funding to purchase 8 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles. To ensure the safety of firefighters and medics in hazardous situations on the fire ground or around the hazardous materials, the purchase of these bottles is essential.
- **Chalmers Community Volunteer Fire Department: \$3,490.00**
Funding for this project will purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) gear for Chalmers Community Volunteer Firefighters. This gear will bring the department up to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) code standards and ultimately keep firefighters safe in the line of duty.

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